

CITY OF ASHLAND
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2023

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 2, 2023, at 5:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Bobbie J. Steed, Kim M. Cain, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Chesley Wynn, Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Fire Chief James "Jimmy" Lee, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, City Attorney Spencer Waddell, Chance Jones with the Clay County EDC, Martha McQueen, Richard McQueen, Anthony Mathews, Sheila Brown, Jennifer Clarke, Charlie Clarke, Ken NeSmith, Randa NeSmith, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn called roll and deemed a quorum present.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order, and Council Member Ballard gave the invocation.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving the agenda. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the previous regular meeting minutes. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving the previous special called meeting minutes from September 28, 2023. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Approval for Clay County Rescue Squad to host a Chili Cookoff and Cornhole Tournament (fundraiser) at Ashland City Park (Tennis Courts) on November 11, 2023, 1 P.M.- until.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Clay County Rescue Squad to host a Chili Cookoff and Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser at Ashland City Park tennis courts on November 11, 2023. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner congratulated Council Member Ballard for completing her advanced CMO. Mayor Fetner also reported on fencing for County Road 31.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain reported on signage for First Responders Memorial at Ashland City Park.

Council Member Gaither reported on agenda item number 4.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford thanked the Maintenance Department for landscaping and painting the fence at the Ashland Police Department. Chief Stanford also reported on monthly stats and new officers.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received since the last regular meeting, work completed at the Fire Department, bylaws, and fire prevention training. Chief Lee also reported October is Fire Prevention month. Chief Lee also reported on upcoming fundraisers, and ESO reporting.

City Clerk/Administrator Wynn reported on the First Responders Dinner, and on the Economic Development Academy.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported on the removal of a portion of the Robinson Building, work at the city park, and brush trimming. Supervisor Stinson also reported on the air conditioners at the Robinson Building.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to approve the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$4,831.39. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to hire Jessica Studebaker as a part-time temporary employee at a pay of Range 5 Step 10 effective 10/01/2023-01/15/2024. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion to hire Traskey Ford as a part-time temporary employee at a pay of Range 5 Step 10 effective 10/01/2023-01/15/2024. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to purchase two loads of landscaping rock for flower beds from Anderson Trucking LLC at a cost of \$4,152.00. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

1. Ordinance No. 2023-09-05-02: Rezone R1 to R2.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving Ordinance No. 2023-09-05-02, Rezone R1 to R2 (4th Street). Council Member Cain seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Steed- Yea

Council Member Cain- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

Council Member Cantrell- Yea

Resolution, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

1. Ordinances No. 2023-10-02-01: Tiny Home Amendment

Council Member Gaither made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance No. 2023-10-02-01 on the first reading. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Steed- Yea

Council Member Cain- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

Council Member Cantrell- Yea

Mayor Fetner- Yea

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Ordinance No. 2023-09-05-02, Tiny Home Amendment. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Ballard- Yea

Council Member Steed- Yea

Council Member Cain- Yea

Council Member Gaither- Yea

Council Member Cantrell- Yea

Mayor Fetner- Yea

There being no further business Council Member Cantrell made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor

Attest